

Remarks:

Claims 25-29 remain in consideration, with claims 26 and 29 being in independent form. Claims 1-19 are cancelled and claims 20-24 are withdrawn awaiting rejoinder. Claim 22 is hereby withdrawn awaiting rejoinder.

Claim 22 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite and that there was insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation in the claim. Claim 22 was withdrawn and claim 25 was added. Claim 25 has the correct preamble such that it correctly depends from claim 26, which replaces former claim 1.

Claim 5 was objected to for being based on a rejected independent claim but was noted as allowable if the claim was rewritten in independent format including all intervening limitations. Such a claim is included herewith as claim 26. Claims 25 and 27-28 depend from claim 26 and should therefore also be allowable. Accordingly, Applicants assert that this objection has been overcome.

New claim 29 also incorporates the limitations found allowable for previous claim 5. Accordingly, applicants assert that claim 29 is allowable for the same reasons as claim 5, which is rewritten as claim 26.


Applicants note that claims 20-24 were withdrawn awaiting rejoinder. As all claims should be found allowable, Applicants respectfully request such rejoinder at this time.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all rejections have been overcome and that the claims as they now stand are patentable over the art of record. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited.

A credit card payment form is included herewith for payment of the extension fee due in connection with this amendment. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this Amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 50-2790.

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